

SEX OFFENDER SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING of the JUSTICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Sex Offender Subcommittee of the Justice Behavioral Health Committee met on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Trabert hall, 2202 S. 11th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The focus of this group as a subcommittee is to:

1. Create minimum standards for Registered Service Providers for the provision of sex offender treatment services. Create minimum standards for staff for the provision of sex offender treatment services.
2. Identify best practices in sex offense treatment.
3. Create recommendations to support Registered Service Provider sustainability in working with the sex offender population. Include measures that address provider concerns regarding liability.
4. Create recommendations to increase state access to treatment services available. Explore additional accessibility of treatment for the sex offender population (i.e., telehealth, video conferencing).
5. Identify community supervision, case management standards that incorporate accountability measures, victim's safety, treatment and reintegration for sex offenders to reduce recidivism.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Gene Cotter officiating. Gene welcomed all members and gave a little background history of the Subcommittee for new member Todd Rosenthal from Parole who has been granted permission to join our group and will be at future meetings.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – No concerns or comments.

Members Present:

Gene Cotter
Roxanne Koenig
Michael Nehe
Dr. Nicholas Giles
Lisa Sample
Bryant Crosby
Todd Rosenthal

Members Absent:

Linda Witmuss *
Mike Tolley*
Denise Ahl*
Dr. Stephanie Bruhn*

Sue Olson

Vidyo – Alyssa Nelson

*indicates known absence

2. FINAL REVIEW OF SO PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS GRID – adjustment to column one was made as a JBAC request and then will resubmit. Fifty hours of face to face time was a concern with Justice Behavioral Health Committee. Roxanne made a motion and was seconded by Dr. Giles and approved by all to submit again to JBAC with this adjustment.

3. Best Practice Standards in the Case Management of Sex Offenders was reviewed. Roxanne submitted motion and second by Lisa, all approved to accept and move forward.

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF SEX OFFENDER EVALUATION CONTENT – started discussion at N. Discussed Multiphasic Sexual Inventory (MSI), Affinity, ABLE and CAT (Critical Assessment of Attention Deficit - Adults) as additional tools.

We discussed that the static and dynamic risk factors will be considered for these assessments.

Feeling was that the Stable is not viable to use for females, geared toward men.

Still trying to determine best thoughts regarding females.

Minnesota Sex Offender Screening tool is not used much and feeling was that it was not that helpful. Found to be not that valid.

PCR is a tedious instrument to use and not used often but leave as option if want to use it.

VASOR can remain, but Static 99R and Acute 2007R is preferred.

Discussed moving away from VASOR and will look into this further. Mike and Alyssa will help evaluate this.

Wording added that this evaluation is a directive but not all encompassing of all resources available.

LSI or LCSM are options that other States that are using. Dr. Giles will research further and bring to group.

Q. DSM 4 should be removed. DSM 5 would be replacement.

Question asked by Roxanne if the SPROF was being used by others. Might be a good tool for lifetime assessments? Lifetime sentence is difficult in that there is no motivation. Third degree are getting lifetime in some cases. Guidelines are not necessarily being followed for sentence. Parole has no jurisdiction on lifetime, no revocation options.

Group wants this Evaluation to be a valuable tool or guideline but not cookie cutter or rigid. Recommendations for Treatment to help to determine the level of care, concerned with any restrictive level of commitment. Not a checklist but an assessment aid.

Not approved but can be edited and submitted by email to the group to then move forward to JBAC.

4. OTHERS TOPICS OF CONVERSATION -

1. Risk based system instead of Evidence based – probably beyond our scope
2. Probation has a transition protocol to move down Risk level on Sex Offender, continuing to work to improve and properly supervise these individuals. Parole reports that they are compliance driven. Todd discussed trying to step down these cases under their jurisdiction. Lifetime seen twice a month by Parole.
3. Electronic Monitoring
4. Next step in this process is to repeat but gear toward Juvenile.
5. Discussed substance abuse and criminogenic issues have become driving force of all requirements for Provider Training. Group voiced concern that should be relevant for client not the compliance for billing.

5. ADJOURNMENT Next meeting – August 30, 2016 1:00-3:00 PM at Trabert Hall 2202 So. 11th, Fourth Floor Nebraska Room, Lincoln, NE 68502